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Claims 1-8 are pending in the present application. Claim 8 is newly added. Claims 1-7 were presented in the previous response submitted December 31, 2007. New claim 8 corresponds to claim 2 (considered by the Examiner in the Office Action dated June 29, 2007) rewritten in independent form. No new matter has been added by way of the present claim amendments.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants kindly thank the Examiner for indicating that claim 2 contains allowable subject matter. New claim 8 corresponds to claim 2 (considered by the Examiner in the Office Action dated June 29, 2007) rewritten in independent form.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

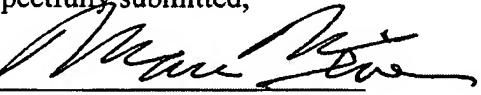
Conclusion

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Monique T. Cole, Reg. No. 60,154 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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